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GIPPSLAND INTERNATIONAL



ANDY MILLER (captain of team representing Scotland) tosses the coin while Jim Roberts (captain of team representing England) calls. Game was played on King's Birthday at Yallourn and is described herein under Gippsland Gleanings

Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



Last week's games have made the First Division an almost open and shut case, for, barring accidents, Sunshine United, with a six-points advantage over their nearest rivals, and with only five more games to play, are almost certain winners. The battle for second place is still very close.

In the Second Division Western Suburbs move up to third place, but Yallourn will take a lot of unseating from the top position, although they are not so far ahead that they can take any chances.

In the Third Division (North), Fifers are giving White Eagles a great run for their money and with each team having very similar fixtures, the situation is likely to remain close until the end of the competition.

In the Southern section the other Yugoslav club (JUST) is also at the top of the tree, with Navy still their only serious rival. With only one team to be promoted from each section of the Third Division, the chances are that they will both be Yugoslav teams. The strength of the Yallourn club is steadily growing. This is illustrated by the fact that the Gippslanders not only lead the Second Division, but also have a commanding lead on the Second Division Reserves, while in that most important Junior section, the Under 19 "B" section Yallourn also have a lead of 4 points. It is a unique fact that in all these three Leagues the club which is pressing them hardest is the Preston club. We need only mention that these two clubs are amongst those who regard the promotion of Junior football as an essential part of a club's policy. The result speaks for itself.

The Yallourn Juniors start off in the Gippsland Junior League, which is composed of five teams this season and when they are too old for this the Yallourn Club Under 19 side is open to them. This team travels every second week to Melbourne with the Senior side, so that apart from its own fixture, it has the opportunity of watching the best Senior sides in action each week.

This week soccer has received a lot of publicity in the Press of a type it does not want. It is a great shame that after such a great beginning to the season, these shameful episodes should occur. Our correspondent "Wanderer" has dealt with the subject in a special article which we can recommend all our readers to take home, read carefully and think over very seriously.

Tomorrow (Sunday) another State Trial match in preparation for the visit of South Australia later in the season, will take place. It is confidently expected that the game will be of the same quality as previous Trials and this time there is a number of changes. The game is at 2.15 p.m. at Olympic Park and spectators are assured of a fine afternoon's football.

For those who have not already heard, it may be of interest to know that N.S.W. defeated Queensland by 2-0 in Brisbane. "Soccer News" correspondent, Ralph White, who was in Brisbane two weeks ago, reported that Queenslanders were very confident of a win, so it looks as though it will be up to Victoria to break the ice and be the first to defeat N.S.W. when our turn comes.

ARE "RACIAL" CLUBS JUSTIFIED?

By "The Wanderer"

The New Australian arriving in Melbourne among unfamiliar scenes and very often speaking little, if any, English, naturally is keen to meet other members of his own race or creed. From there it is but a step to the formation of a soccer club for his fellow-countrymen and himself. All this is recognised by the Victorian Soccer Association and every encouragement has been given to these various groups to form teams, for it is realised that not only does it give a chance to players, but also to the enthusiastic clubman who wants committee work, and that valuable asset to any club—the paying member and supporter.

Also the formation of any new club has been welcomed, as it is the Association's constant endeavor to spread the game as rapidly and as far afield as possible. For a while this policy seemed amply to justify itself, and what minor infringements occurred were put down to over enthusiasm and the customary penalty once imposed such incidents were forgotten.

It was anticipated that as these newcomers became more settled they would adapt themselves to our ways of soccer.

Unfortunately, this has not been so in only too many cases, and this season incidents have become so frequent that those soccerites who have preached a doctrine of moderation are beginning to ask "What good is this doing the game?" Soccer in Victoria was kept going during the war by a small devoted band of gentlemen whose enthusiasm defied their years. Since the war some of these gentlemen have retired and their places have been taken by younger though equally keen men who have carried on what has always been a battle to put soccer on the map. Among these we number the members of the Propaganda Committee and the Committee which runs this paper, who, with increasing success, have interested the Press in giving space to soccer in their columns.

With the advent of the recent "incidents," however, the game is receiving a type of publicity it can well do without and, what is more, in much larger quantities than ever before. One weekly paper in particular recently broke all records by giving front-page space to one incident and last week gave double space to another. That this particular paper is hostile to soccer and also rugby is well known and all efforts to persuade it to give extra space to "push" soccer have been of no avail. Reports are constantly coming in of these "cuttings" being pinned on factory notice boards and exploited in other ways to arouse hostility to the round ball code.

Attacks on referees are becoming increasingly frequent, for which there is no possible excuse. Whether a New Australian speaks English or not, and irrespective of what country he comes from, if he plays soccer he knows that right or wrong the referee's decision is final. Intimidation of referees by players and spectators, culminating in the unspeakable action of spitting at the wife of one of Victoria's most popular referees, has resulted in the loss to the game of several referees, whom we cannot afford to lose.

The facts are such that officialdom can no longer afford to blink at, and the position is so serious that thought must be given to whether the game can continue to carry men who are prepared to destroy the code sooner than control their own actions.

Suggestions by "hot heads" that clubs who infringe in this way should be banned or placed in a League of their own have previously been pooh-poohed, but the wave of disgust which has now been aroused among the soccer public generally, makes it clear that some action must be taken.

Whatever action is taken, certain it is that it must be soon or else this structure which we have all built up so laboriously and with so much heartache is likely to come crashing down around our ears—and all for want of a little thought on the part of a few ignorant, selfish men.

LIAISON WITH NEW SOUTH WALES

By OBSERVER

The visit of the two New South Wales teams (Metters and Woonona Bulli) as guests of Brighton and Sandringham respectively during the King's Birthday week-end was a milestone in the progress of soccer in Victoria. It is on the cards that the two clubs will be paying a return visit to New South Wales next season, and thus friendly relations between the two States have been instituted.

Both New South Wales teams expressed themselves as having had a most happy time, both socially and on the playing field, and it is noteworthy that many individual friendships have been made. It is to be hoped that these fixtures will become an annual affair and, indeed, that other clubs may follow this example and arrange games with Sydney teams. The two Hakoah clubs have been playing off their annual fixture for some years past.

It is to be hoped that this step forward between individual clubs of the two States may in time be followed by a closer liaison between the two State Associations.

It is obvious that individually as clubs, New South Wales is at present stronger than Victoria, but it has still to be proved that they can field a State team capable of beating the best 11 players that Victoria can put in the field. A feature of the play of Metters and Woonona-Bulli was their team work. Every player knew what his team-mate was going to do and each of them backed the other up, with the result that whether in attack or defence the work was made to look easy. In other words, with the minimum of effort "the ball was made to do the work."

The Brighton and Sandringham clubs should benefit fully from this, while, no doubt, the officials and coaches of the other clubs who watched the games will not fail to impress on their players the lessons that were so clearly demonstrated.

Allowing for the fact that the Sydney clubs are run on semi-professional lines, and that we in Victoria are purely amateur, with the correct coaching and constant practice, our club standard will be improved. It is not sufficient for players to see the ball only from one Saturday to another, but if our players—the younger ones especially—are to really benefit from their coaching, more time must be spent in practice. Only in this way can ball control, passing, trapping, head-work and more especially team-work be perfected.

It will be of interest when these interstate club games are played again next year to see what advance has been made by the Victorian teams, who, it is hoped, will prove that they have not only learnt the lessons given this year, but, what is more important, that they are capable of executing them on the field.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special general meeting has been called to discuss the V.A.S.F.A. 1949 balance-sheet.

The meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria, 343 Little Collins Street (7th Floor), at 7.45 p.m..

Clubs are reminded that two delegates are entitled to be present from each club.

By order of the Council,

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.



NOTICE

THE SOCCER ASSOCIATION BALL WILL BE HELD AT THE ST. KILDA TOWN HALL IN NOVEMBER.

The Chairman of the Dance Committee urgently requires Organizers and Helpers to assist in running this Ball.

Volunteers who are prepared to serve on the Committee (Ladies and Gentlemen) are asked to contact the Chairman, MR. P. POLITES, 43 ROCKLEY RD., SOUTH YARRA, S.E.1. Phone: BJ 2713.

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GIPPSLAND GLEANINGS

By HARRY BAYLEY

KING'S BIRTHDAY SOCCER CELEBRATIONS AT YALLOURN

The scene at the Yallourn Oval was magnificent. The weather was absolutely delightful and the ground was in tip-top condition. A curtain-raiser was played between a newly-formed club from Heyfield (comprised of European immigrants) and the Juniors. By the splendid physique of these chaps from Heyfield it looked as though our youngsters were in for a hard trot, but it was good to see the little fellows get to work to literally run Heyfield off their feet. The game was good to watch and the Juniors came out comfortable winners by 7 goals to nil. Our visitors were good sports and I'm sure they will benefit from their first outing. Naturally, our Juniors were very elated with their victory. Good going, boys!

Now came the great event — Scotland versus England—chosen from the Yallourn teams. There is very keen rivalry between the boys and they both look forward to what has become a yearly event. We certainly did not have the huge gate they got at Hampden Park, but I'm positive that the large gate at home could not have been more enthusiastic than the 500 or so present to watch the game. A very great gesture was made by the Scottish Pipe Band under the leadership of Mr. Jack Lambourne. What a glorious sight they made as they marched on to the ground and around the playing area with the swirl of the kilt and drone of the pipes. The Scots were piped on to the field, followed by the English team. It certainly gave one a great thrill. Thank you, Jack Lambourne and your merry pipers for giving the game such a wonderful start. Everybody enjoyed it immensely. We expected a good game, but what we saw was something far better than good; it was "super." I have followed soccer for many years now, but it's years since I've seen such a fast, clever and clean game as the boys put on. The ball travelled from end to end with such rapidity that it was just impossible to take notes. What a pity the State selectors were not present. I feel sure that a lot of their doubts and troubles would have vanished. Scotland were the first to score amidst tremendous excitement, but England came back with a rush to equalize a few minutes after. And so the game went on—good passing, clean kicking and tackling, excellent goalkeeping by both goalies and great club spirit premeating the whole of the game. England eventually came out the winner after a hard 90 minutes of excellent football. I am not going to say what the score was; that is beside the point and does not really matter. What does matter is that they gave the spectators on the ground and the Aussie rules spectators on the hill outside the ground an exhibition of what real football is.

Talking to one eminent official of the Aussie rules, who had been watching the game. He said: "It's a great game, this soccer. No wonder it's making great strides. I'll have to see some more of it."

Perhaps the boys have planted another seed, which I somehow think will take root. Thanks, fellows, for a splendid effort.

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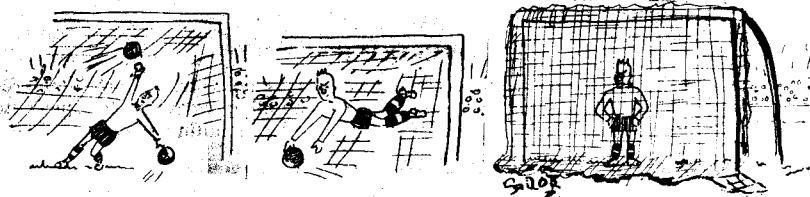
Selectors for Great Britain will be R. White, A. Mackie, Vincent Beddows and Bill Bowman; for Australia, A. Drennan, Warburton, Sharman, Des Hamilton and J. Bickarey. Will all other countries please select their selectors and give me their names?

New Australians are those whose countries are not represented in competitions.

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By P. SEARLE

SOMETHING LIKE IT

Did you notice every First and Second Division result correctly set out in the "Globe" on Saturday last? First time for many a year; but shows how the clubs are co-operating. Third Division clubs, take note.

JUBILANT

Much happiness in the Footscray camp over last week's win. Two valuable points earned the hard way may mean another year in the First Division.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Referee Van Pelt concentrates so much on the game in hand that he often forgets to purchase his copy of "Soccer News" from one of the participating clubs. He's now arranged to get them posted!

LEARNING FAST

Did you read that "Topical Tap" in a certain weekly paper re New Australians and unpleasant incidents? Amazing how these papers find out that soccer is even being played in Victoria!

ARE THEY SLIPPING?

Surprise result in First Division game last week prompted one spectator to comment that the beaten side were too slow and too old! Remains to be seen whether his judgment is astray.

OVERDONE

A good referee should aim to be inconspicuous as possible. Certain referee with his dramatic finger-pointing and constant stopping of play to speak to players, doesn't assist to keep the play moving, besides irritating players.

SHOCKING APATHY

Another appeal is being made for volunteers to serve on the Social Committee to organise for the Ball at St. Kilda in November. First appeal has produced a "nil return." Wouldn't it?

WORTHY CAUSE

Nice gesture for Park Rangers to play Brighton last Sunday. In aid of the Reg. Shubsole fund, £6 was raised. Reg broke his leg when these two teams met recently—in his first game of soccer in Aussie.

SEEN THEM COME AND GO

Alec Forrest surprises everyone by his amazing ability to pace it and outwit men half his age. His skill doesn't seem dimmed by the years, simply because of his unbounding enthusiasm for the game.

WORKMANLIKE

Dawson, Footscray custodian, is definitely one of the soundest now playing. Not the spectacular sort, but sound and reliable, he gives much confidence to the team.

TRY YOUR SKILL

Do you consider yourself a good judge of soccer form in Victoria? Do you think you are as good as Dick Reynolds or Jack Dyer at picking the winners? If so, there's money going begging on our Competition page.

"SOCCER NEWS" FREE COMPETITION

SPECIAL COMPETITION NOTICE

Soccer fans will be keenly interested to know that our Weekly Competition, based upon selecting 14 correct results has been reviewed. As intimated at the outset of the Competition, it was a new venture for our paper and naturally we had to feel our way.

After one month's trial, the results have been such that an alteration to the Conditions of Entry are warranted. Commencing this week, the Competition will be based on correctly forecasting 10 results. This should prove welcome news to all those fans who have so enthusiastically entered for the Contest over the past month. It has been an encouragement for us to continue the Competition.

In reviewing the results of these "Coupon" games over four weeks, the major factor in upsetting results was the high percentage of drawn games, plus one or two real surprises each week. We wish our competitors all the best in the ensuing weeks, and trust form will be easier to follow!

P. SEARLE, Competition Editor.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

A cash prize of £1 will be awarded for a correct forecast of the 10 games. Should more than one correct result be received, the prize will be equally divided among the successful entrants. Should no one succeed in forecasting the correct results, the prize of £1 will be "jack-potted" to the next week's contest. Each entry must be submitted, in ink, on a correct "Soccer News" Coupon.

POST your Entry to COMPETITION EDITOR, "SOCCER NEWS", 5 GREENWOOD STREET, PASCOE VALE, W.7., endorsing your name and address on the back of the envelope in BLOCK LETTERS, so as to reach there not later than first post, THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1950. Coupons must not be altered, mutilated, or defaced.

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No responsibility accepted for entry lost or mislaid. Proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into.

Members of "Soccer News" and V.A.S.F.A. Officials are not eligible.

No. 3 CONTEST

No competitor succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of games listed on Coupon No. 3.

No. 4 CONTEST

Prize money for No. 4 Contest has jack-potted to £4.

MATCHES PLAYED JULY 1, 1950

SOCCER NEWS COUPON No. 5

Home	Away
First Division	
Sunshine v. Sandringham	
Park Rangers v. Box Hill	
Footscray v. Moreland	
South Yarra v. Brighton	
Hakoah v. Prahran	
Second Division	
Preston v. University	
Third Division (South)	
Brighton v. Bentleigh	
Third Division (North)	
Fifers v. Williamstown	
First Division Reserves	
Prahran v. Hakoah	
Second Division Reserves	
West. Suburbs v. Yallourn	

To mark Coupon, place Fig. 1 in column provided to denote home team WIN, Fig. 2 to denote AWAY team WIN, Letter X to denote a DRAWN game.

I have read and agree to "Soccer News" Conditions of Entry, and accept their decision as final in all matters pertaining to same.

(Signed).....
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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ENTRANTS

Many entries are being received without the name and address of Competitor appearing on the back of the envelope. Others are putting two entries on the one coupon, which is not allowed. Your attention is respectfully drawn to these matters.—Competition Editor.

CLUB JOTTINGS

WILLIAMSTOWN

On Saturday Williamstown journeyed to South Yarra, where, owing to the conditions prevailing a scrambling game took place, with Williamstown possibly making fewer mistakes than South Yarra, enabling them to lead 4 goals to 3 at half-time.

In the second half Williamstown gradually began to play as a team and scored 5 goals to nil, to finally win the game, 9-3. It is about time a certain forward realised the fact that there are four other forwards as well as himself on the field. Best for 'Town were:—R. Wilkie, S. Hamlett and J. Harrop.

Our Reserve team met Woodlands at home and after a fairly even game were finally the winners, 7-5. It was reported that Alan Ritter obtained 6 goals. Good work, Alan; keep it up, and who knows? Syd Hamlett did likewise for the Firsts. Good lad, Syd.

Tentative arrangements are in hand for a trip to Point Cook to play against the R.A.A.F.. The date to remember is June 18.

This week's query: Has the secretary's bike been doing any bucking lately? He was noticed the other Saturday drinking milk shakes with Bob Wilkie and Terry Robinson, and hiding in the corner was Len Foster. It certainly is the days of strange events; we may even be able to get Stan Cameron to join the party. By the way, who wants copies of the photo taken by Terry Bobbie out at South Yarra?

SANDRINGHAM CITY

Fielding just on our strongest team for weeks the "Hammers" gave Box Hill a football lesson and only for poor shooting would have won in a canter. Wake

Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

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up, you forwards, and hit the ball hard; don't try and walk it into the net. The football lesson that Woonona-Bulli gave us seemed to bear fruit as last Saturday the Seaside gave some brilliant flashes.

Ted Cryer, at left-half, played his first game in the Seniors and should be an asset to the team after a couple of games. We are pleased to see Paddy Flynn around again after suffering from a broken nose.

Woonona-Bulli have invited us over to N.S.W. next season and the committee of Sandy are starting things moving to raise the necessary funds.

The Under 16 Junior team are gradually climbing up the ladder and have an outside chance of winning the premiership. This team seems to be our strongest at the moment and there are some very promising boys amongst them. They are captained by John Haycroft, a good little player and clubman. Les Bingham, as coach, is doing a good job with his team, and is very popular with his boys.

The Junior committee are forming a Mothers' Club to help them to raise money for their trust account. Any mother of a Junior if interested, contact Tom Fraser, secretary of the Junior committee.

YALLOURN RESERVES v. SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES

This match proved to be "the match of the season," ending in a goalless draw. Cohesive football was played by both teams, with backs of each team playing very good defensive play. Both goalkeepers, Pethybridge for Yallourn, and Metharst for South Melbourne, were the stars on the field, showing very good anticipation, thus saving what seemed certain goals.

It is with much regret that South could not return to the visitors from Yallourn the grand hospitality that was extended to them at the match at Yallourn, which Yallourn won, 2-0. Very sorry, Yallourn; you are a great team.

UNIVERSITY DOUBLE

The Senior team entertained George Cross at Princes Park and emerged victors in a closely contested game, by 2 goals to 1, the deciding goal coming in the last few minutes of play. Making their debut in the First XI were Alan Gravell, late of Box Hill, at centre-forward, and Alan Bertwistle, of the Reserve team, in goal. Both acquitted themselves well.

The Reserve team travelled across Sydney Road to meet George Cross Reserves at Royal Park. Start was delayed until 3.20 p.m., as a referee had to be found—no registered official putting in an appearance. "Shop" won the game, 6-2—rather a flattering result, as G.C. stuck to their guns well. Thanks for your services, referee. Committeeman Rex Benson is in hospital for an operation, and he will probably be there for another month. He will be badly missed. Chin up, Rex!

Now that our teams have settled down, we are hoping to toss Yallourn on the 24th. So look out, Gippslanders!

Congratulations to our Reserve team skipper (Norm Gill), who is now a proud father.

ROYAL CALEDONIANS

The above club played International Harvesters at Geelong on June 10. The ground was very greasy and the game opened under very miserable conditions. I.H.C. have a greatly improved side, showing good combination, with their centre-forward and outside-left outstanding. They won 4-0, and two of their goals were gems, the first one a rocket shot just inside the post. The fourth was a coolly taken drop kick by the outside-right, which again gave the goalie no chance.

On Sunday we played the S.S. "Telemachus" in a friendly game, with the result 2-2. It was one of the cleanest and most sporting games played so far, and the brand of football was above the usual, the result being a very fair reflex of the game. Unfortunately, vandals were again at work in the morning, as one set of goalposts were pushed bodily out of the ground, smashing the boxes in which the posts were sunk, and also breaking a crossbar. Isn't there a code of decency, or is only one code allowed?

PARK RANGERS v. MORELAND

In this game at Middle Park, both forwards showed lack of steadiness in front of goal, several splendid opportunities going begging. With Moreland the chief fault was dilatoriness in passing or shooting, with the result that the home defence tightened and cleared. The Rangers' forwards failed to keep position and frequently hampered each other. In spite of these faults each goalie, Weight and Parkhouse, had plenty of work to do and made several excellent saves.

Lock, the visiting centre-half, kept a tight hold on Mulcahy, who, nevertheless, scored the first goal against the run of play, following a scramble on the goal line. The Rangers' centre-forward was hurt and went to outside-right position with Gillies taking over the centre.

In the second half the pace quickened, with each side making dangerous raids. Heath and Kennedy for Moreland and Starkey, for Rangers, did valiant work, while Mackie headed out from the goal with Weight well beaten. The second goal was scored by Gillies, who received from the left wing, manoeuvred for position and sent in a fast rising shot which had the goalkeeper beaten all the way.

OTHER RESULTS AT MIDDLE PARK

Under 19 Rangers 0 v. Hakoah 1. The match showed the difference between European and Australian styles, with the former on this occasion, superior.

Under 16.—Rangers, 0; Sandringham, 1.

Under 14.—Rangers, 3; Preston, 1.

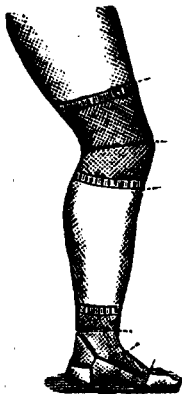
Third Division.—Park Rangers, 1; JUST, 5.

NOTES FROM AFRICA

In a letter to his father, Jackie Wilson (Rangers, Victoria and Australia inside-left) tells of his stay in hospital and says that he is now quite recovered and keen to get into service again. He praises the attention of the doctors and nurses who attended him. He suggests that future tourists should learn Afrikaans so that any prospective hospital patient would know when the nurses were having a little friendly joke at the patient's expense!

FOOTSCRAY CITY

Footscray City, playing up to the expectations of the previous week's form against Prahran, defeated Brighton in a hard and fast game, 1-0 at Footscray. Both teams started off well, though Brighton were actually the first to settle down, but City managed to keep them out. Then City's team got moving and Brighton's goal had a narrow escape when Johnny Baker's hard shot hit the crossbar, with Sinclair well beaten. The score at half-time was 0-0. On resumption play see-sawed from end to end until B. Park when going through was brought down in the penalty area, but Footscray missed the chance when the

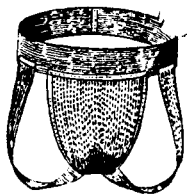


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shot hit the outside of the post. J. Baker, playing a sterling game at centre-forward, scored a beautiful goal after beating three men. Brighton had the chance to equalize five minutes later from a penalty, but they also missed. J. Todd's crosses from the left wing left nothing to be desired, but Brighton were beaten by a team who were faster to the ball and was actually the stronger of the two. Perhaps Brighton were feeling the strain after their two hard games during the King's Birthday week-end. Anyway Footscray's stocks have soared and they are looking forward to taking full points away from Olive Street Reserve, Sandringham, next game.

Supporters, don't forget our club's dance on June 30 at Bradford Cotton Mills Canteen. Roll up as you did at our last dance three weeks ago and make it a good night. Tickets may be obtained from any club member or at the door on night of dance.

PRESTON

Against Juventus, Preston lined up as follows:—Bain, G. Smith, Heland, McCall, Buff, Wall, Crompvoetts, Bracewell, Morahan, Finnerty, J. Smith: Until ten minutes from the end, Preston seemed certain to avenge their earlier defeat. At times Juventus pressed hard, but the home defence never looked like conceding a goal. However, Juventus were awarded a free kick thirty yards out on the left. The ball, kicked right into the goalmouth, was only partially cleared, and a first-timer from the rebound left Bain helpless.

Except for some tricky play on the Preston wings and a dangerous shot or two from Carolla, the first half was uneventful. But after the interval the game livened up. Once again, Bracewell scored direct from a free kick, the ball being in the net before the goalie could dive for it.

At the other end, Juventus showed Preston the advantages of a direct attack. McCall and George Smith needed all their skill to counter the moves of the Juventus left-wing, which eventually scored the equaliser. Towards the end, Preston threw everything into attack, but the visitors' defence stood firm. Playing a very constructive game, right-half (Dave McCall) was Preston's best.

The Under 19's failed to reproduce their King's Birthday form and were held to a draw by Juventus, the scores being 2—2. Horabin and Roos netted for Preston.

COBURG SOCCER CLUB

Coburg soccer club had two wins and a draw out of three games. The main game (Coburg v. Geelong Celtic) at Coles Reserve, Cumberland Road, ended in a draw—2 goals each. The Celtics were first to score as they caught Coburg on their wrong leg, owing to a few alterations in their positions, and before half-time had a 2 goals lead. Coburg at half-time altered their defence and forwards. This move proved all right as indicated by the final scores of 2 goals all.

Coburg's original goalkeeper is in hospital with an injured thigh caused by a kick received while playing. This handicapped the team to a certain extent as Mick Tormey seemed to be playing quite a good game between the sticks.

The Reserve team had a bye. The Juniors Under 19 won their game against Metters by 2 goals to 1, but Metters appeared to be a bit unlucky.

The Schoolboys had another win (1 goal to nil) against Western Suburbs. This was a keen fought game for the points; and in the second half Coburg seemed to play much better as the left wing was far superior in their play; but nevertheless, Western Suburbs put up a grand game.

Best players for the Seniors were Wakeling, Janet, Smithwick and Hartley; for the Juniors, the two Patricks and White. For the Schoolboys, Tich, Tormey and Evans were outstanding.

The Coburg club will be visiting the R.A.A.F. at Point Cook on Sunday, June 25. First and Reserve teams will play a friendly game. The bus will leave

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



Sir,—I would like to congratulate the Brighton and Sandringham clubs on their enterprise in bringing to Melbourne two such good soccer teams as Metters and Bulli. The Sandringham club is to be especially praised for their magnificent show on the King's Birthday holiday. I was amazed at the number and quality of the Juniors playing, and was very pleased at the smooth precision with which the day's football was run. It illustrates what can be done with efficient and enthusiastic committees and helpers.—Yours etc., H. V. ROSE.

CLUB JOTTINGS—Cont.

corner of Bell Street and Sydney Road at 12 noon. All welcome to come along. Players and committee are requested to be at pick-up points.

A get-together dance is being arranged. Admission will be free to all patrons and players. Watch for further reports in "Soccer News."

SUNSHINE UNITED

In an evenly contested game Sunshine First defeated Prahran, 2—1. Kicking against the wind the first half, Sunshine had to play a hard game to keep Prahran forwards in check; they were only able to pierce Sunshine's defence once and they got a well-deserved goal when Neale with a swift reverse movement drove the ball hard into the net. Sunshine attacked and the scores were evened up when Drennen, taking a free kick 20 yards out, drove the ball hard, and aided by a clever deception by Lowe the ball found the net. Sunshine combined better in the second half and Ashworth, Prahran's goalkeeper, had many shots to stop. When Prahran were being sorely tried they conceded a corner and Lin Bird took a perfect kick to be finished off with a good header by Lowe. It was a good clean game and the referee was given the respect due to him.

The Under 19 side scored a hard-earned victory against Sandringham by 3—0. Although Sunshine appeared to be doing most of the attacking, praise must go to Sandringham for the stubborn resistance and good keeping by their goalkeeper. It was not until Sandringham were tiring that Sunshine in the second half got their three goals.

Sunshine Under 16 team are the cinderellas of the club, being unable to fill a full team, which means that they are defeated almost every week. Playing Preston at Preston with only eight men, they were again defeated, 4—0. However, they made a plucky stand and credit must be given to Bradshaw, Calder and Giblin for their work in trying to hold the team together. The club would welcome any assistance from other clubs to fill in the team.

Sunshine Reserves had to be content with a draw against Prahran after having a 2-goal lead. Sunshine had altered their style of play and were showing up well and Turnbull, who is a very useful player, was the means of getting a lovely goal by a nice cross to Lindgren on the right. The latter smartly shot the ball into the net. The game finished with a 2-goal draw, which was a true indication of the play.

The Under 14 team gained another victory at the expense of Sandringham. The visitors provided stiff opposition and Sunshine are lucky to have two experienced Juniors in Petherick and Hatley in the defence. Combining well, Sunshine made several attacks and a good cross from Martin to Hitchens was one up for the locals. Armstrong got another good goal from 25 yards out after Durkin slipped the ball to him.

JUNIOR SECTION

METTERS IN A MIX-UP

In the game against Coburg Metters took the field with half a team for most of the first half of the game. They battled hard against Coburg, who had scored twice against a very weak opposition. The other half of Metters were hiking over the wide open spaces of Pascoe Vale looking for the Coburg ground, while their secretary ("Mac") was motoring up and down Bell Street looking for the missing players. About five minutes before the end of the first half the wandering players took the field while they were dressing. So at half-time, with Coburg 2 goals in the lead, Metters were out to make up for the lost time. They battled hard until N. Kelly scored for Metters. With time getting short, Metters tried to even the score, but Coburg held on to their winning margin of 2 goals to Metters' "mighty atom," B. Kinnersley, played a good game, also N. Kelly, who is always a danger near goals, while J. Hall, goalkeeper, worked overtime in the first half. I think Coburg were lucky to gain the points.

YALLOURN JUNIORS ALONE UNDEFEATED

In all the Divisions of the Junior Association, Yallourn Under 19's now remain the only undefeated team. Until last Saturday, Western Suburbs Under 14's shared this honor with Yallourn, but suffered their first defeat at the hands of Coburg.

ONLY FIVE MORE LEAGUE GAMES

In most sections of the Junior League, only five matches remain before the end of the home and away fixtures.

In the "A" Section of the Under 19 Division, the League fixtures are due to terminate on July 1, unless the Junior Association decides to extend their fixtures and play the first three rounds of fixtures for a third time. This would bring them up to the other Divisions, which end on July 22. This would add interest to the battle for premiership honors, as the two leading teams (South Yarra and Sunshine United), who are only a point the difference at the head of the table, would have to meet again on July 8. On the other hand, would it be reasonable for the leaders at the end of the present round, to expect them to continue on playing, having won the premiership at the end of games on July 1? The only other alternative to keep these boys busy during these three weeks, would be to provide a "knock-out cup competition" for the "A" Section only.

UNDER 19 INTERSTATE TRIALS

Junior (Under 19) Interstate Trials will commence tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at the Park Rangers' Ground at Middle Park, at 2 p.m. These Trials are being held to aid the selectors to choose the Victorian team to meet Charles-town (N.S.W.) Juniors on Saturday, August 19, and also to visit South Australia in September to compete for the "Skolnik Cup" against the South Australian Junior team. Both Victoria and South Australia are joint holders of this Cup, having played a draw last season when the contest was played in Victoria.

SCHOOLBOYS' FINAL TRIAL FOR SYDNEY

On Sunday morning (tomorrow) the final Trial will take place for the selection of the Victorian Schoolboys' team to visit Sydney early next month. The following boys are to meet Mr. A. Scott outside the Olympic Park gates at 10 a.m. sharp tomorrow:—Smith (Footscray), Mathieson (Ringwood), Hartley (Coburg), Routon and Hodgson (Sandringham City), Petherick (Sunshine), Duchier and Bedford (Box Hill), Orr and Bellott (Brighton), Fairweather (Preston), Pepper (Northcote).

Any of the above players who find that they cannot attend the Trial tomorrow are requested to notify the Association secretary (Mr. J. Olsen) by phone (LB 1444) tonight any time after 7.30.

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 17, 1950

	Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
First Division							
Sunshine United	13	11	0	2	37	17	22
Prahran	13	7	1	5	30	26	15
Brighton	12	6	2	4	31	22	14
Sandringham City	12	5	4	3	24	24	14
Box Hill	10	5	3	2	35	20	13
South Yarra	13	4	4	5	24	27	12
Park Rangers	13	5	1	7	21	20	11
Footscray City	12	3	3	6	18	28	9
Hakoah	12	3	1	8	23	42	7
Moreland	12	1	3	8	17	34	5

Second Division										
Yallourn	12	10	1	1	10	22	21			
Preston	13	9	1	3	45	20	19			
Western Suburbs	12	9	0	3	41	25	18			
South Melbourne	12	8	0	4	49	33	16			
Juventus	11	5	3	3	30	17	13			
George Cross	13	5	0	8	11	14	10			
Melb. University	12	5	0	7	27	34	10			
Yarraville	13	4	1	8	15	56	9			
Ringwood	13	3	0	10	25	46	6			
Heidelberg	13	1	0	12	12	58	2			

Third Division (North)										
White Eagles	12	10	2	0	62	12	22			
Fifers	13	10	2	1	64	18	22			
Coburg	13	7	3	3	40	26	17			
Geelong Celtic	11	6	2	3	38	24	14			
Williamstown	13	7	0	6	28	35	14			
Melbourne Rangers	11	5	0	6	27	30	10			
Inter. Harvesters	11	4	1	6	26	27	9			
Woodlands	13	3	0	10	32	68	6			
Royal Caledonians	11	2	0	9	30	41	4			
South Yarra	10	0	0	10	8	68	0			

Third Division (South)										
J.U.S.T.	11	9	2	0	54	7	20			
F.N.D.	11	9	1	1	60	13	19			
Olympic	10	8	0	2	48	19	16			

	Goals									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Victoria Police	11	7	0	4	31	20	14			
Moorabbin	11	5	2	4	36	19	12			
Park Rangers	12	3	0	9	26	46	6			
Box Hill	10	3	0	7	16	47	8			
Brighton	11	1	1	9	18	67	3			
Bentleigh	11	1	0	10	15	65	2			

First Division Reserves										
Park Rangers	13	10	2	1	46	17	22			
Sandringham City	13	9	2	2	32	16	20			
Brighton	12	7	2	3	37	25	16			
South Yarra	13	7	2	4	38	27	16			
Prahran	13	6	3	4	29	19	15			
Box Hill	11	5	1	5	27	25	11			
Sunshine United	13	3	5	5	31	31	11			
Hakoah	12	4	3	5	21	27	11			
Moreland	13	1	1	11	25	48	3			
Footscray	13	0	1	12	12	61	1			

Second Division Reserves										
Yallourn	13	11	1	1	75	8	23			
Juventus	13	10	0	3	56	27	20			
Preston	13	9	1	3	48	18	19			
South Melbourne	13	8	2	3	44	13	18			
Western Suburbs	13	8	0	5	52	35	16			
Melb. University	12	7	0	5	49	32	14			
Heidelberg	13	4	0	9	14	78	8			
George Cross	13	3	0	10	13	22	6			
Ringwood	13	1	0	12	2	52	2			
Yarraville	12	1	0	11	6	74	2			

Third Division Reserves										
Cympic	7	5	0	2	34	7	10			
Williamstown	6	4	0	2	25	20	8			
Coburg	5	3	0	2	15	11	6			
Woodlands	6	3	0	3	19	22	6			
Fifers	6	2	0	4	5	31	4			
Moorabbin	5	0	0	5	1	20	0			

JUNIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JUNE 17, 1950

Under 19 "A" Section										
South Yarra	12	11	0	1	41	10	22			
Sunshine United	12	10	1	1	39	10	21			
Box Hill	12	6	1	5	26	24	13			
Brighton	11	6	0	5	37	19	12			
Army Apprentices	11	5	1	5	22	38	11			
Sandringham City	12	3	2	7	14	32	8			
Park Rangers	12	2	0	10	15	55	4			
Hakoah	12	1	1	10	5	11	3			

Under 19 "B" Section										
Yallourn	12	11	1	0	47	5	23			
Preston	12	8	2	2	47	11	18			
Sth. Melb. United	11	7	0	4	34	13	14			
Coburg	11	7	0	4	23	19	14			
Juventus	11	5	2	4	27	23	12			
Ringwood	11	4	0	7	19	32	8			
Metters	12	3	1	8	21	39	7			
Moorabbin	11	3	0	8	23	37	6			
Northcote	11	0	0	11	7	69	0			

Under 16 Division										
Northcote	13	12	0	1	34	5	24			
Brighton	13	10	1	2	32	13	21			
Sandringham City	13	9	0	4	22	21	18			
Box Hill	13	7	2	4	27	10	16			
Sth. Melb. United	12	6	2	4	27	19	14			
Park Rangers	13	6	0	7	14	18	12			
Preston	13	4	2	7	16	17	10			
Ringwood	11	2	1	8	15	31	5			
South Yarra	13	2	0	11	10	40				
Sunshine United	12	1	0	11	2	25				

Under 14 Division										
Box Hill	12	9	1	2	34	7	19			
S. Melb. United "A"	13	8	2	3	52	15	18			
Coburg	13	9	0	4	33	23	18			
Park Rangers	12	8	1	3	48	11	17			
Western Suburbs	12	10	1	1	39	9	13			
Sunshine United	13	9	2	2	56	11	12			
Sandringham City	12	4	4	4	17	19	12			
Preston	13	4	1	8	29	44	9			
Bentleigh	13	3	1	9	18	34	7			
Brighton	13	2	2	9	17	41	6			
S. Melb. United "B"	13	2	1	10	9	35	5			
Highbett N.F.	13	0	0	13	5	108	0			

NOTE:—Under 19—Northcote v. Ringwood match not played on June 17.